

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

Seattle



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The Commissioner of Fisheries,
Washington, D. C.

The Beluga Whaling Company, operating at Cook Inlet, Alaska, advise that they did not engage to any extent in the catching of beluga the past season. A very few were taken, but owing to the fact that this company were making a number of improvements to their plant, successful operations could not be carried on until after the season closed.

They advise that they have an offer of seventy-five cents per pound for beluga skins (salted) from a firm in Scotland. They have not been able to obtain a market worth while in the United States. This firm has been given the names of tanners interested in the tanning of shark and fish skins, and have also been requested to take up the matter personally with the Washington office. One of the officers of the company intends to make a trip to Washington, D. C., this winter.

They state that two years ago samples of their skins were given to a large tanning concern in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but that the experiments which this firm undertook were not successful.

Harry J. Kristoff
Assistant Agent.

Shown this to Mr. Redcliffe

12/7/17.

*Understand he had it copied
for his files.*

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*~~Mr. Bowen~~
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Alaska report.*